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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the Onion Production Survey. Acreage, yield, and production were reported for the U.S., Region and selected States.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Idaho Onion Production

In Idaho, the 2009 summer storage onion production increased 5 percent from 2008. Production is estimated at 6.51 million cwt, up from the 6.19 million cwt produced in 2008. Harvested and planted acreage increased 200 acres from last year to 8,800 acres, and 9,000 acres, respectively. Onion yield is up 20 cwt from 2008 to 740 cwt per acre. The value of the 2009 crop totaled \$44.3 million, down from \$38.6 million in 2008. The price per cwt for the 2009 crop is \$8.30, up from \$7.40 the previous year. Shrinkage and loss for 2009 totaled 1.17 million cwt, up from 970,000 cwt last year.

Combining Idaho and Malheur County, the 2009 summer storage onion production decreased 1 percent from 2008. Production is estimated at 14.7 million cwt, down from the 14.9 million cwt produced in 2008. Harvested acreage decreased 800 acres from 2008 to 20,000 acres, while onion yield increased 20 cwt to 734 cwt per acre. The value of the 2009 crop totaled \$109 million, up from \$96.1 million in 2008.

Nationally, summer storage production is up 3% from 2008 to 56.8 million cwt. Harvested acreage is down from 105,690 acres in 2008 to 103,960 acres in 2009. The U.S. average summer storage yield is up 24 cwt per acre from 2008 to 547 cwt per acre. The 2009 summer storage crop is valued at \$473 million dollars, compared to \$500 million in 2008. Shrinkage and loss for the 2009 crop totaled 5.74 million cwt, up from 5.07 million cwt last year.

Onions: Harvested Acres, Yield, and Production by Season, State, and United States, 2008-2009

Season and State	Harvested Acres		Yield		Production		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	% change
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		
Spring ¹	28,400	27,200	334	315	9,498	8,559	90
Summer							
Non-Storage ¹	19,400	17,400	533	551	10,344	9,584	93
Storage ²							
California ³	31,300	31,400	425	455	13,303	14,287	107
Colorado	7,500	6,700	380	450	2,850	3,015	106
Idaho	8,600	8,800	720	740	6,192	6,512	105
Michigan	3,600	3,800	280	350	1,008	1,330	132
New York	10,100	10,100	410	410	4,141	4,141	100
Oregon							
Malheur	12,200	11,200	710	730	8,662	8,176	94
Other	9,600	9,100	620	620	5,952	5,642	95
Washington	20,000	19,000	600	630	12,000	11,970	100
Wisconsin	1,100	2,000	300	490	330	980	297
Other States ⁴	1,690	1,860	497	416	840	774	92
Total	105,690	103,960	523	547	55,278	56,827	103
Summer	125,090	121,360	525	547	65,622	66,411	101
United States	153,490	148,560	489	505	75,120	74,970	100

1 Primarily fresh. 2 Includes some quantities of storage crop onions harvested but not sold because of shrinkage and loss. 3 Primarily for dehydrated and other processing. 4 OH and UT.

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Onions: Value by Season, State, and the United States 2007-2009

Season and State	Value					
	Per CWT			Total		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Spring ¹	33.40	22.30	22.20	330,141	211,795	189,852
Summer						
Non-Storage ¹	17.00	15.50	18.90	187,162	160,042	181,167
Storage ²						
California ³	8.53	9.01	9.54	102,959	117,587	133,941
Colorado	9.70	17.60	12.60	26,064	43,120	34,209
IDAHO ⁴	2.70	7.40	8.30	14,648	38,643	44,339
Michigan	11.10	15.20	13.50	8,747	12,282	14,310
New York	11.10	16.80	13.20	38,628	58,918	45,474
Oregon						
Malheur	2.51	7.38	9.08	21,380	57,505	64,613
Other	5.97	6.96	7.41	35,736	38,572	37,584
Washington	3.15	11.10	7.60	37,564	119,880	81,852
Wisconsin	10.50	14.20	10.10	7,371	4,331	8,969
Other States ⁴	6.38	13.00	11.20	5,661	9,438	7,260
Total	5.69	9.96	9.25	298,758	500,276	472,551
Summer	7.66	10.90	10.80	485,920	660,318	653,718
United States	11.10	12.50	12.20	816,061	872,113	843,570

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